

REMARKS

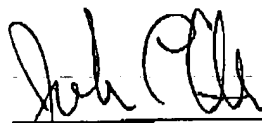
Claims 1-12 remain in this application. Claims 2, 3, 7 and 8-11 have been amended to remove the word optical. This change was previously made in claims 1, 5, and 12, but the instances in the remaining claims were overlooked. The Examiner is thanked for pointing out this omission to Applicants' attorney. All claims are now clearly directed to a charged-particle beam.

In view of the above, for the reasons set out in the previous response, all claims are now in condition for allowance, prompt notice of which is respectfully solicited.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (202) 220-4200 to discuss any information concerning this application.

The Office is hereby authorized to any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

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